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**Re: *Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet*, GN Docket No. 14-28,
Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90, *Developing a Unified
Intercarrier Compensation Regime*, CC Docket No. 01-92**

Dear Ms. Monteith:

Pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC" or "Commission") *Wireline Broadband Order* and *Restoring Internet Freedom Order*,¹ Delta Telephone Company, Inc. ("Delta" or the "Company"), Study Area Code 280452, hereby notifies the Wireline Competition Bureau ("WCB" or "Bureau") of its intention to cease offering its DSL broadband Internet transmission service as a separate component of its broadband Internet access service effective July 3, 2018. As such, the transmission component will not be provided as a separate service and will only be provided as part of the complete broadband Internet access service that the Company offers to end user customers within its Mississippi serving area through the Company.

¹ See, *Appropriate Framework for Broadband Access to the Internet over Wireline Facilities, Universal Service Obligations of Broadband Providers*, CC Docket No. 02-33, WC Docket No. 05-271, Report and Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 20 FCC Rcd 14853 (2005), FCC 05-150 (Rel. Sept. 23, 2005), (*Wireline Broadband Order*) at para. 86 ("We eliminate the *Computer Inquiry* obligations as applied to facilities-based providers of wireline broadband Internet access service, and, in particular, the obligation to offer the transmission component of wireline broadband Internet access service on a stand-alone common carrier basis."); *Restoring Internet Freedom*, WC Docket No. 17-108, Declaratory Ruling, Report and Order, and Order, 83 FR 7852 (Rel. Jan 4, 2018), paragraph 160, ("Carriers that prefer light-touch regulation may elect to offer broadband Internet access service as an information service") (*Restoring Internet Freedom Order*); see also, *Tri-County Telephone Association, Inc. Petition for Waiver of Accounting Rules*, WC Docket No. 08-239, Order, DA 17-791 (Rel. Aug. 22, 2017) at para. 4 citing *Wireline Broadband Order* at paras 130-31 (summarizing these paragraphs by stating that the FCC "concluded that incumbent LECs should continue to treat the provision of broadband Internet access transmission services as a regulated activity for accounting purposes even when choosing to offer the service on a non-common carrier basis").

Delta currently provides broadband Internet transmission service as a tariffed offering pursuant to National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. ("NECA") Tariff F.C.C. No. 5.² The only customer for the Company's broadband Internet transmission service is the Company's affiliate nonregulated ISP. Notice to the affiliate ISP was provided this date by interoffice memorandum that the Company will discontinue the offering of broadband Internet transmission service as a separate component of its broadband Internet access service effective July 3, 2018.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions,

Sincerely,


By: WESLEY GOINGS
President

cc: Pamela Arluk, Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau Pricing Policy Division
Special Assistant for Telecommunications at the Department of Defense
Mississippi Public Service Commission
The Office of the Honorable Phil Bryant, Governor of Mississippi
National Exchange Carrier Association

² Delta was merged into Franklin Telephone Company, Inc. effective January 1, 2018, with Franklin as the surviving entity (see Letter from John Kuykendall to Marlene H. Dortch, FCC Secretary, Notice of Consolidation of Commonly-Owned Study Areas, Telapex, Inc., Holding Company for Delta Telephone Co., Inc. 280452 and Franklin Telephone Co., Inc. 280454 in Mississippi, CC Docket No. 96-45 (filed Aug. 4, 2017)). However, the Telapex, Inc. Petition for Waiver of the Commission's rules for modifying access rate bands and charges and 2011 Base Period Revenue remains pending at this time (see Petition of Telapex, Inc. for Waiver of Sections 51.909(a), 51.917(b)(1) and 51.917(b)(7) of the Commission's Rules to modify access rate bands and charges and 2011 Base Period Revenue in connection with merger of affiliated study areas in Mississippi, WC Docket No. 17-252 (filed Sept. 19, 2017)). Therefore, Delta is filing the required notice in order that NECA may administer Delta's election to discontinue broadband Internet transmission service, given that the foregoing waiver remains pending.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Notification of Discontinuance of broadband Internet transmission service as a separate component of its broadband Internet access service was served this 23rd day of April, 2018 by mailing true and correct copies thereof, postage prepaid, to the following persons:

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